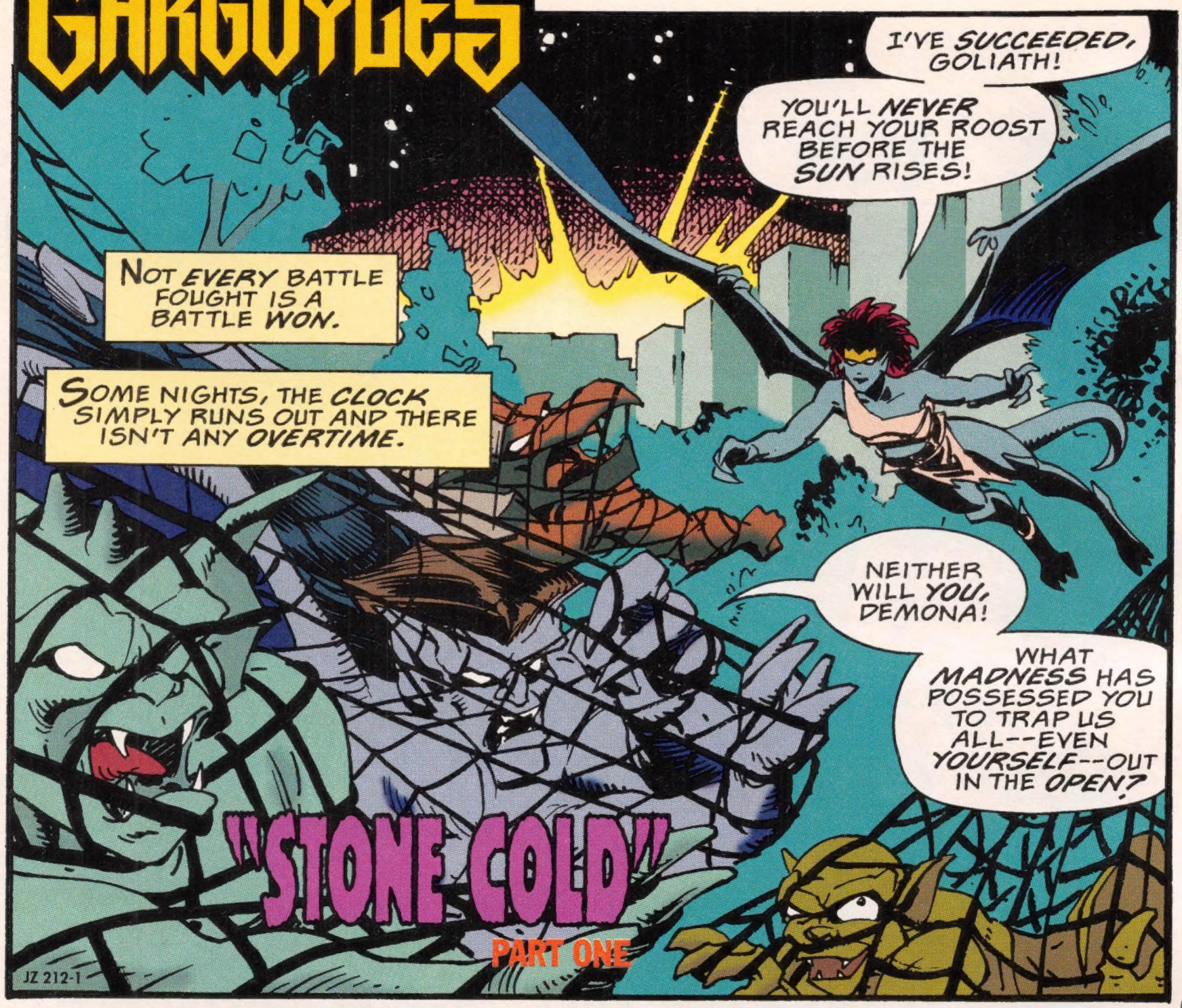
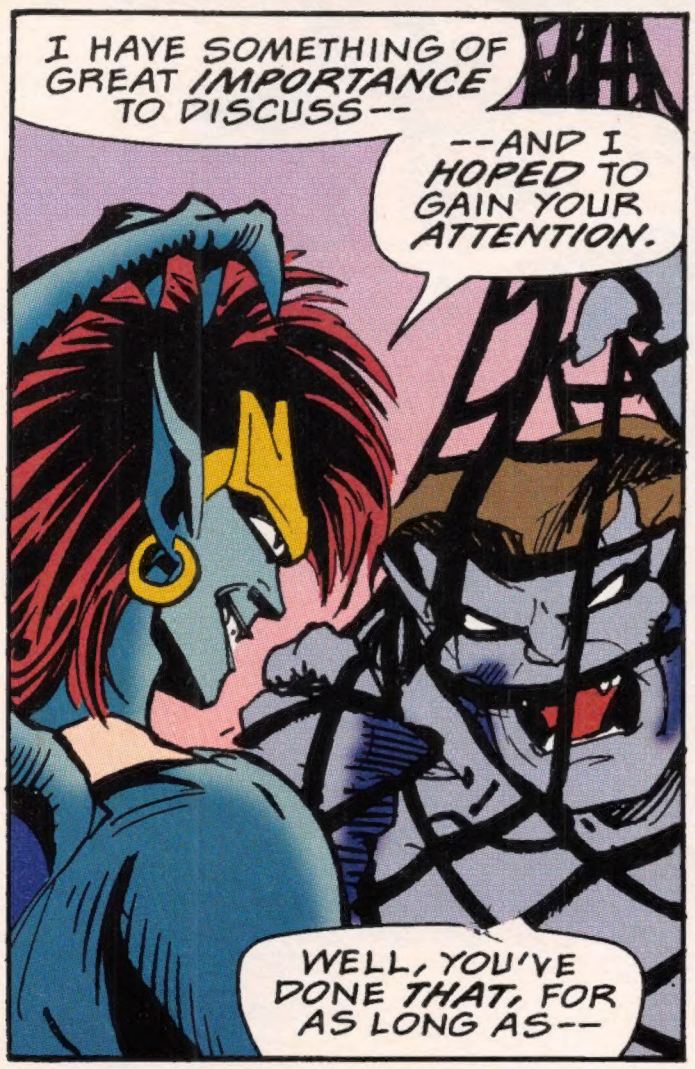
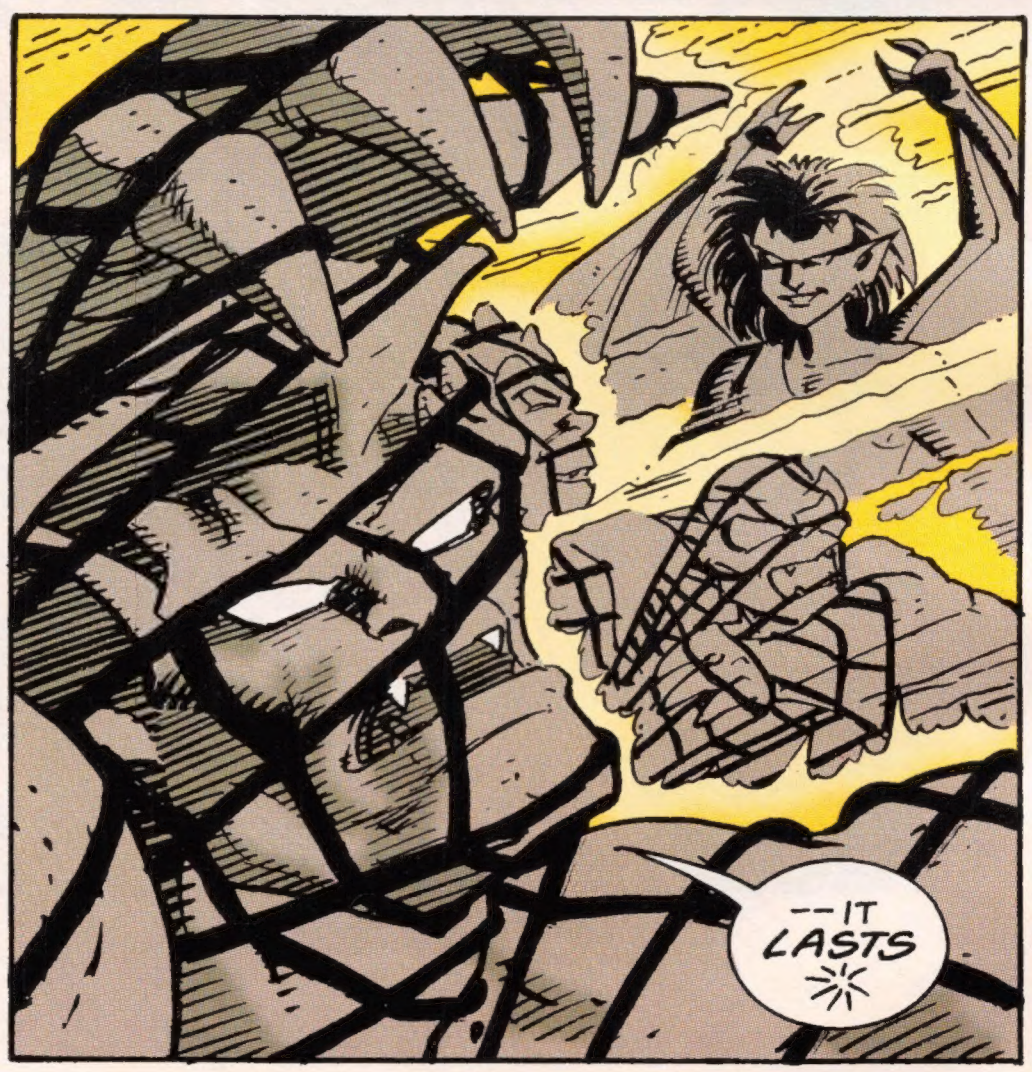
GARGOYLES

"STONE COLD"

PART ONE







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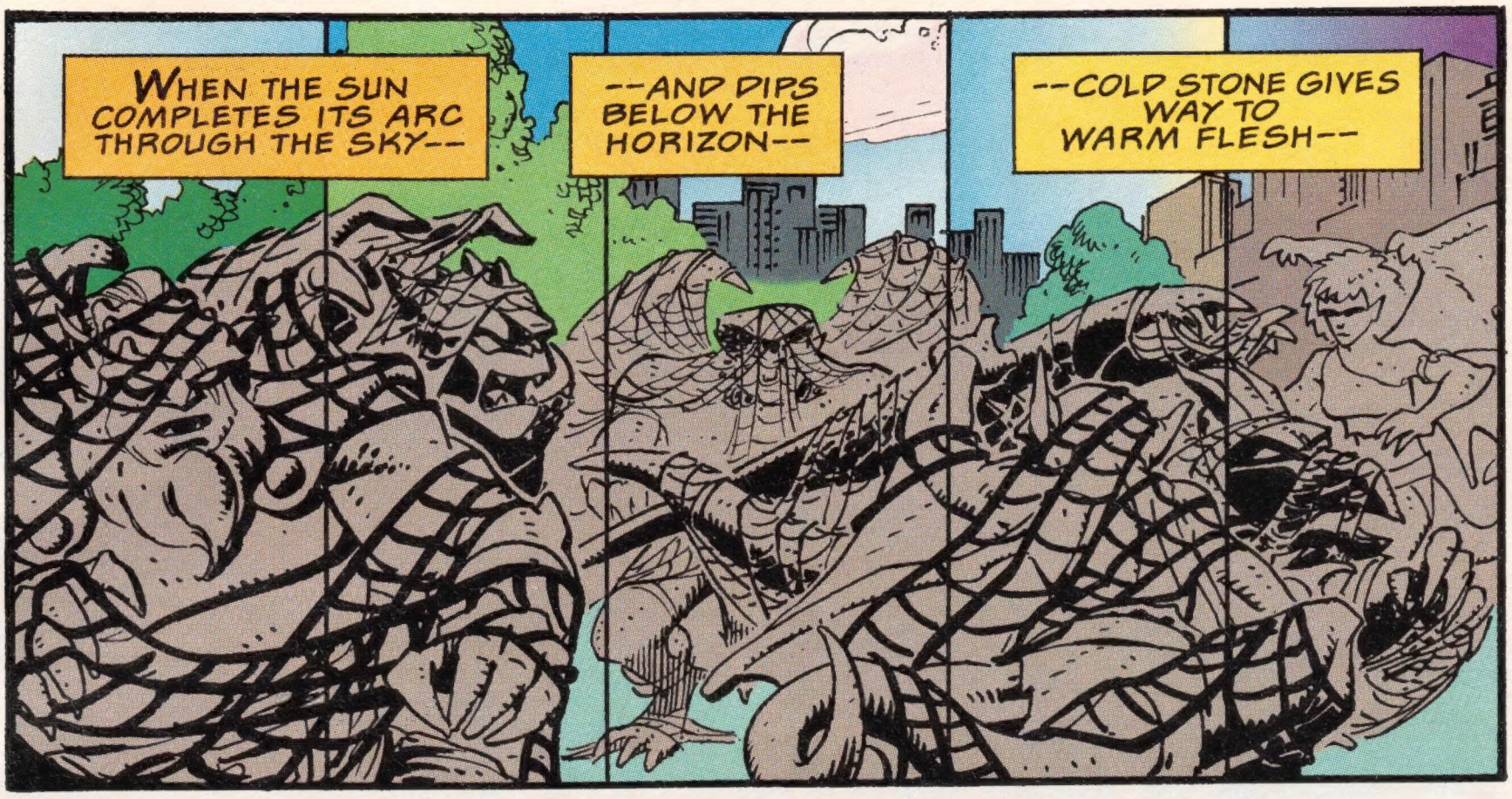
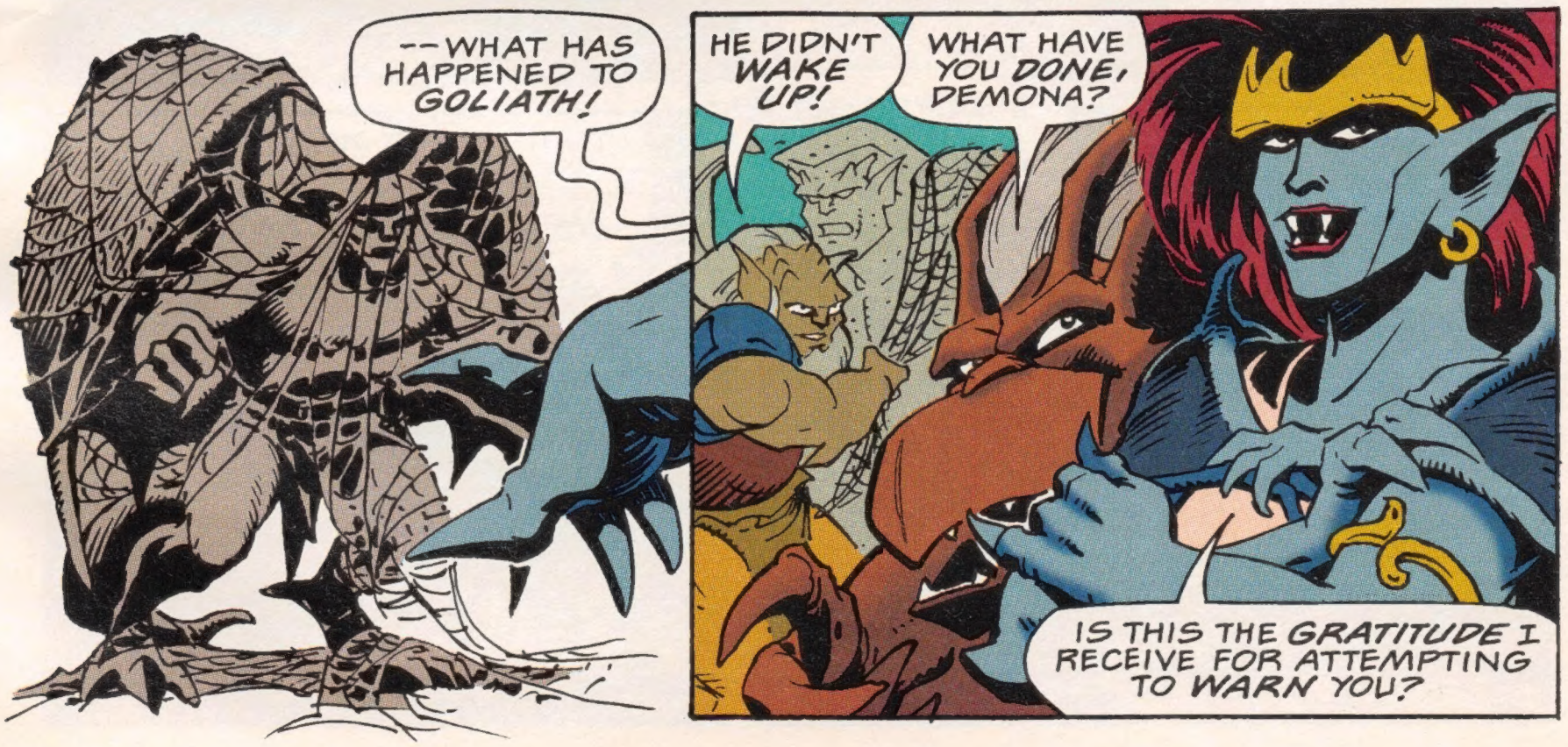

WHEN THE SUN COMPLETES ITS ARC THROUGH THE SKY--
--AND DIPS BELOW THE HORIZON--
--COLD STONE GIVES WAY TO WARM FLESH--

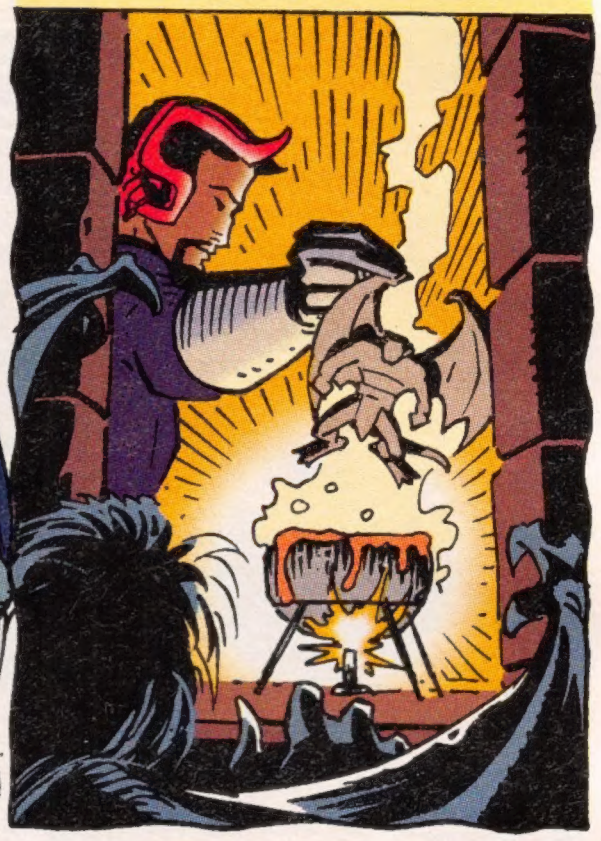
--AND GARGOYLES WAKE INTO THE NIGHT!
KERACK!

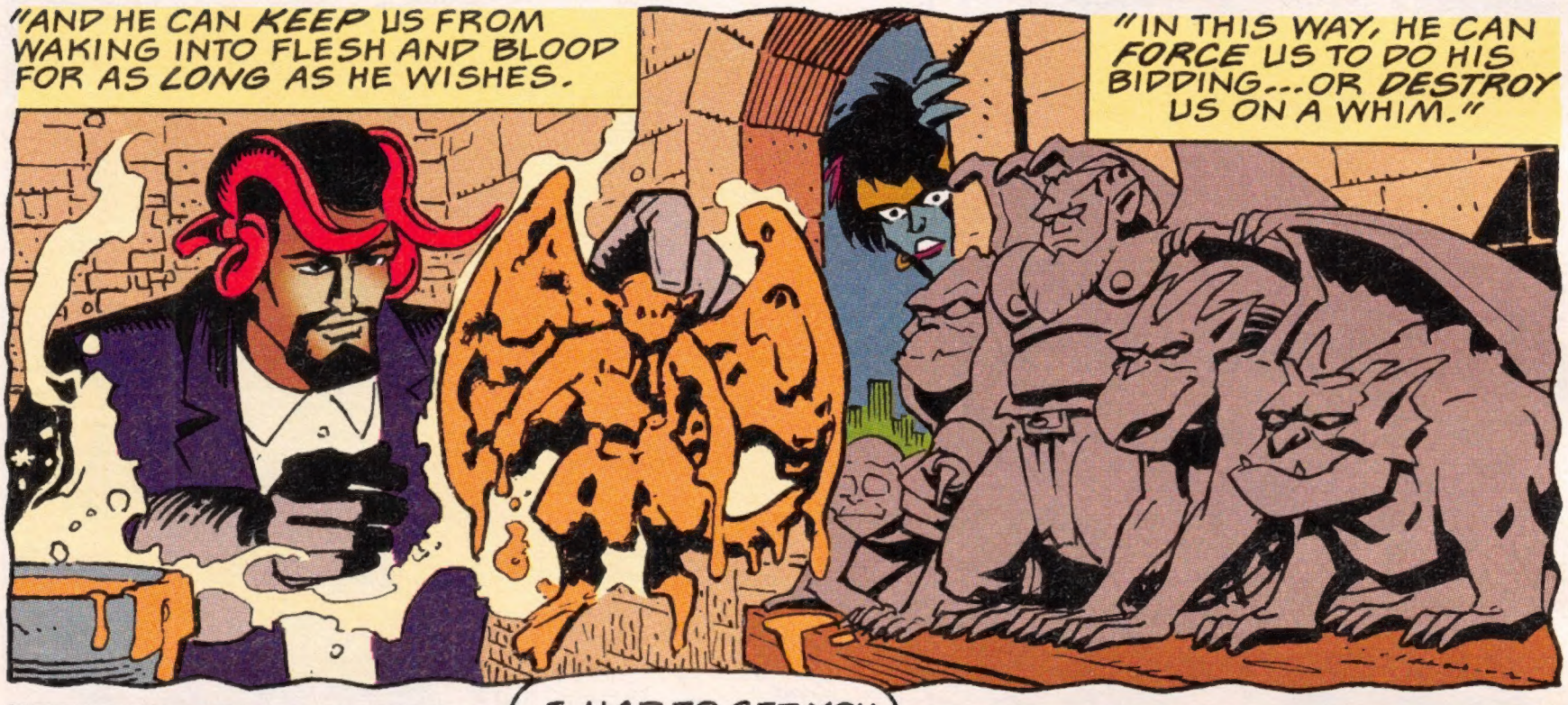
HA, DEMONA! SEE WHO'S TRAPPED NOW!
I DO SEE--AND I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU HAVE YET TO NOTICE--


--WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO GOLIATH!
HE DIDN'T WAKE UP!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, DEMONA?
IS THIS THE GRATITUDE I RECEIVE FOR ATTEMPTING TO WARN YOU?

WARN US!?
ABOUT WHAT ?
XANATOS, OF COURSE.

WHAT DOES XANATOS HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?
HE HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT...


"...SOMEHOW, XANATOS HAS DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT MAGIC WHICH WILL KEEP US HIBERNATING IN STONE AFTER THE SUN HAS SET.

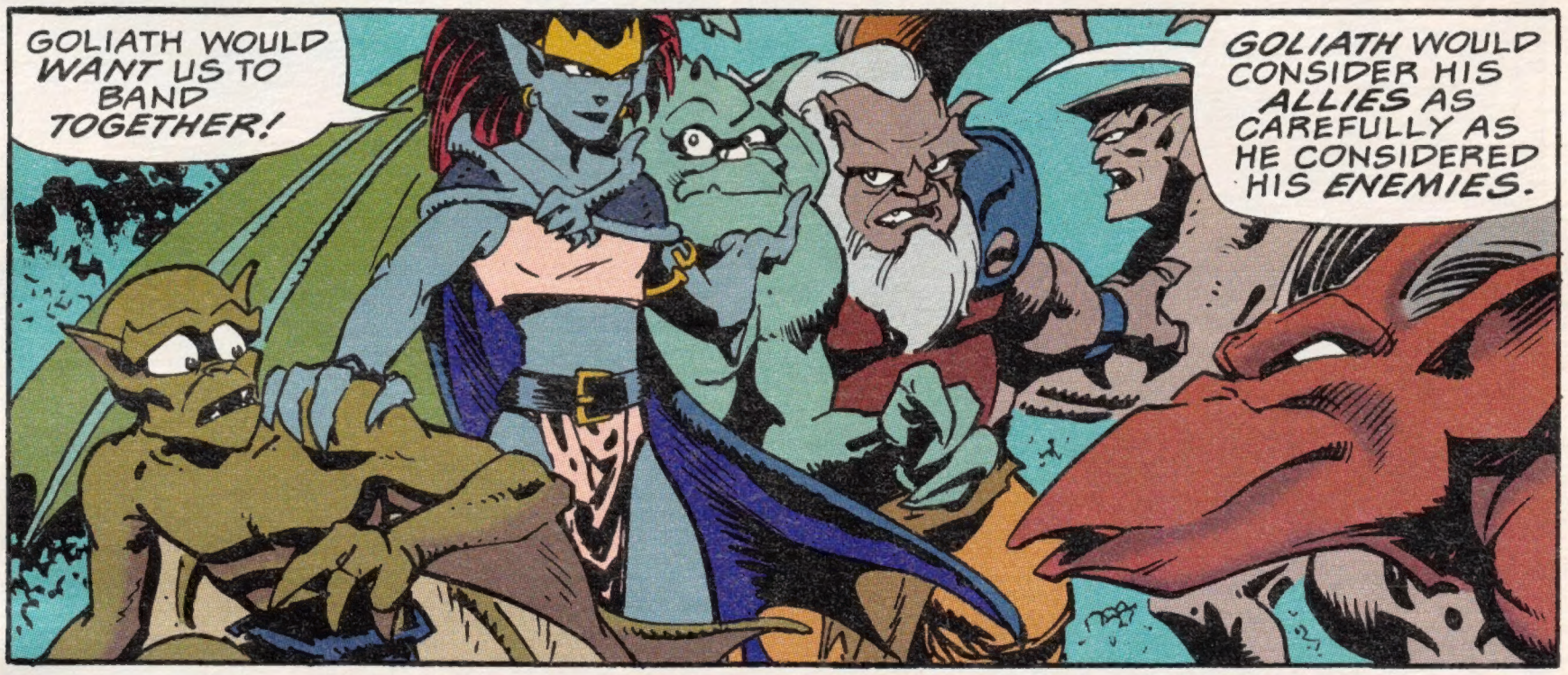

"AND HE CAN KEEP US FROM WAKING INTO FLESH AND BLOOD FOR AS LONG AS HE WISHES.
"IN THIS WAY, HE CAN FORCE US TO DO HIS BIDDING...OR DESTROY US ON A WHIM."

THIS DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY YOU SET THE TRAP!
XANATOS HAS A DOLL OF ME, TOO.
I HAD TO GET YOU TO LISTEN, WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME.

TIME TO WARN US?
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THAT? WE'RE ENEMIES.

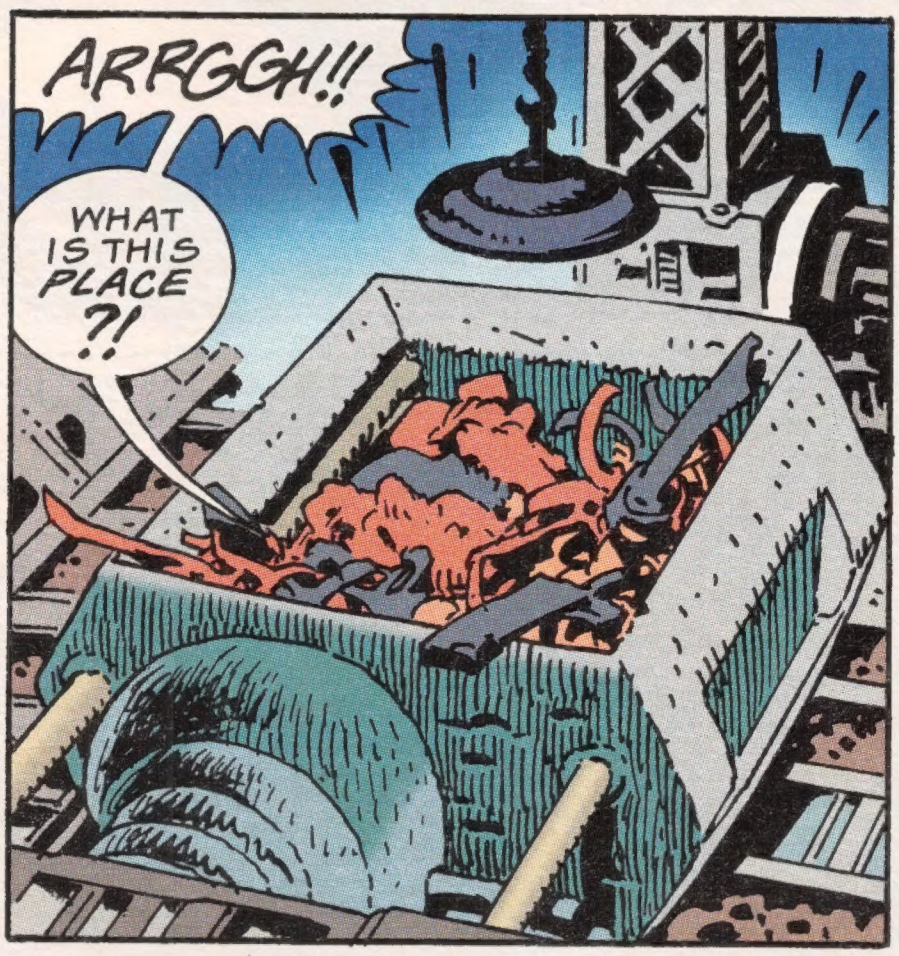
BECAUSE, UNLIKELY AS IT MAY SEEM, I NEED YOU, AND YOU NEED ME--
--AND TOGETHER, WE CAN DEFEAT XANATOS, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SHE SEEMS LIKE SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHAT WOULD GOLIATH DO?

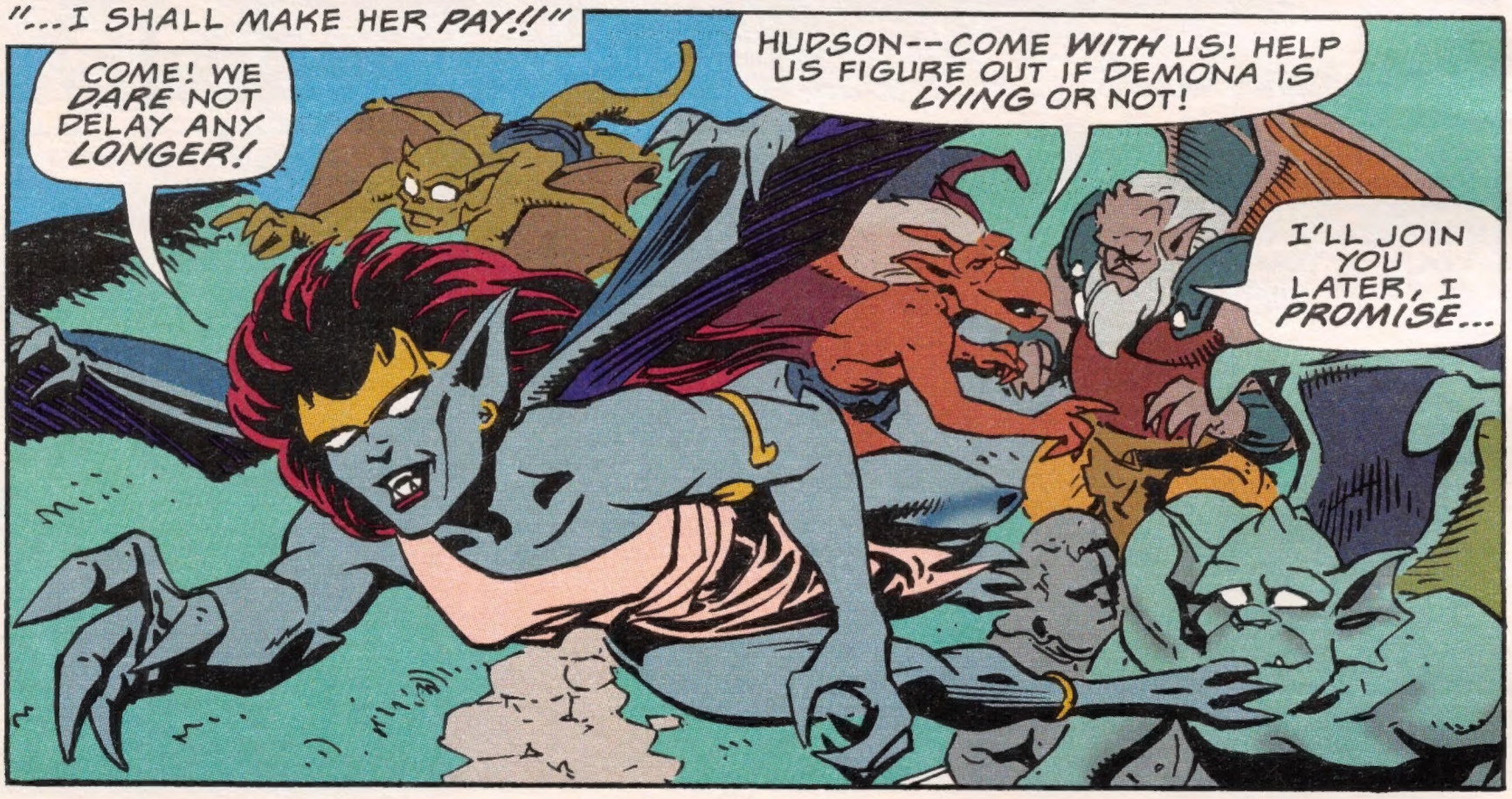

GOLIATH WOULD WANT US TO BAND TOGETHER!
GOLIATH WOULD CONSIDER HIS ALLIES AS CAREFULLY AS HE CONSIDERED HIS ENEMIES.

QUITE SO. HOWEVER, IN BETTER TIMES, WHEN OUR COMMON ENEMY WAS HUMAN AND NOT ONE ANOTHER, I LED YOU.
I ASK ONCE AGAIN FOR THE PRIVILEGE...TO LEAD YOU AGAINST XANATOS AND HIS DARK MAGIC!
NO WAY, DEMONA! I STILL DON'T TRUST YOU...
BROOKLYN, IF WHAT SHE SAYS IS TRUE, WE DO NEED HER!

SHE'S THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO UNDERSTANDS THE MAGIC THAT CAN FREE GOLIATH.
ALL RIGHT, THEN... FOR GOLIATH'S SAKE, WE'LL DO IT!


ARRGGH!!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE ?!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT DEMONA'S PLANNING--
--BUT ONCE I'M FREE...

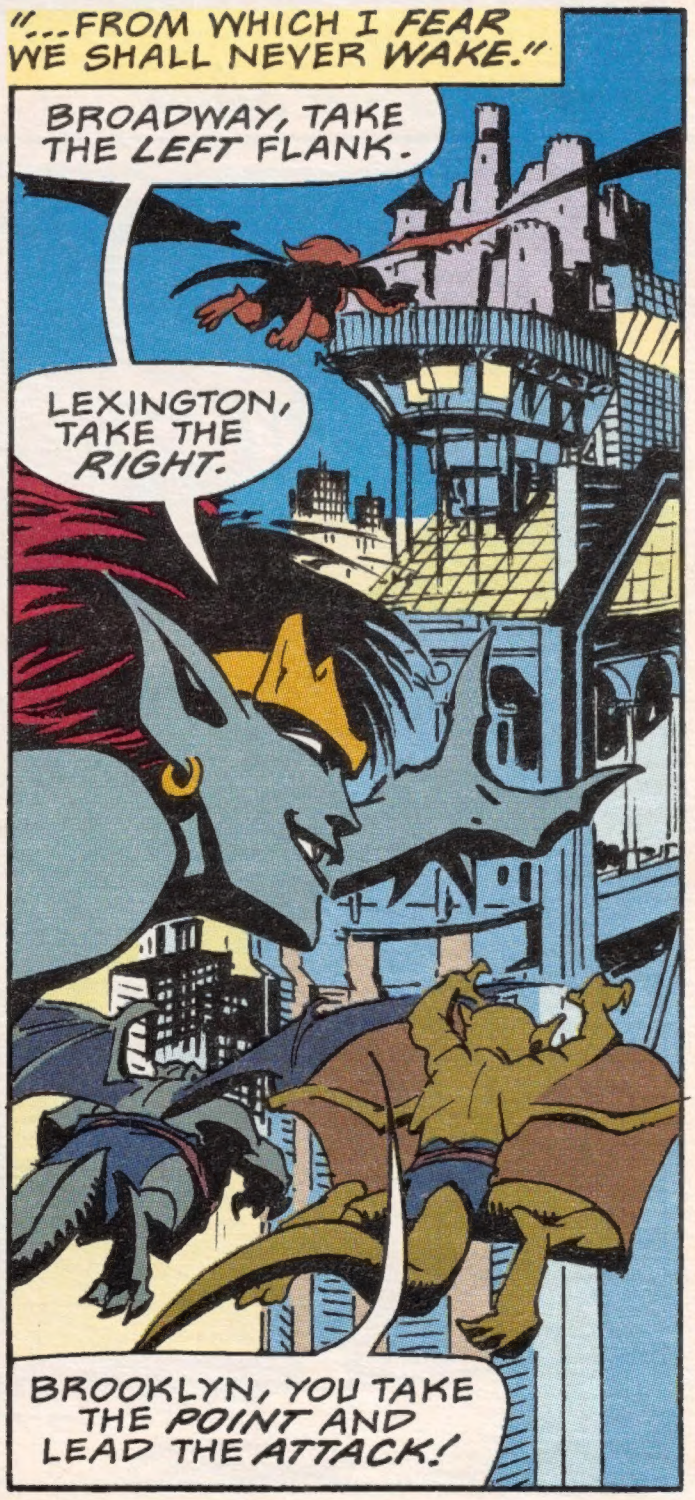

"...I SHALL MAKE HER PAY!!"
COME! WE DARE NOT DELAY ANY LONGER!
HUDSON--COME WITH US! HELP US FIGURE OUT IF DEMONA IS LYING OR NOT!
I'LL JOIN YOU LATER, I PROMISE...

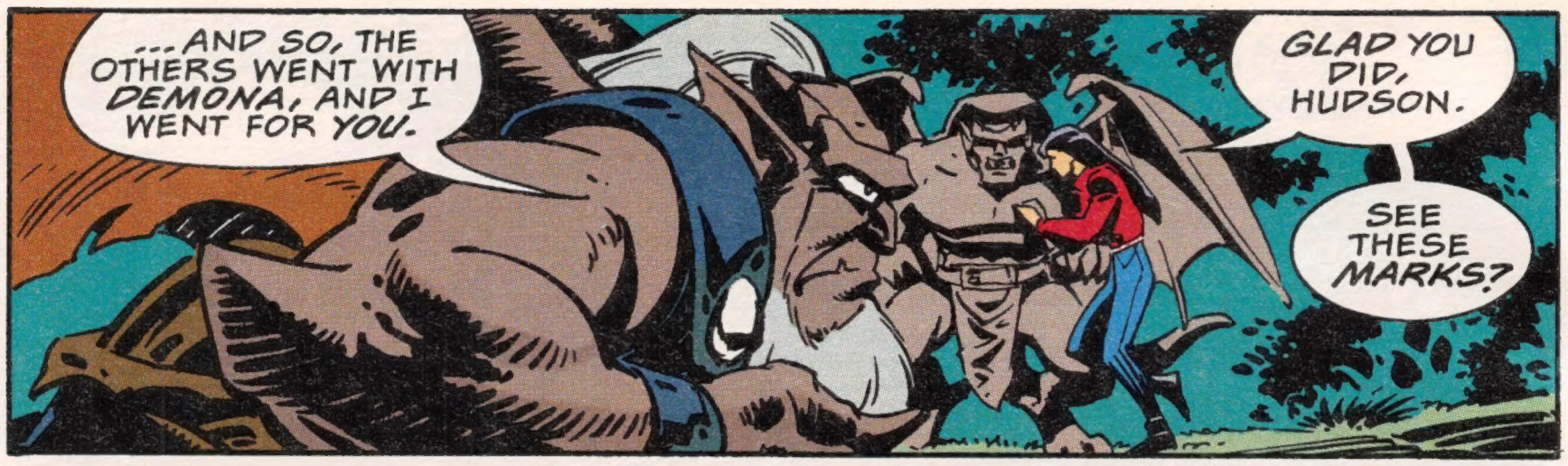
"...AFTER I'VE TOLD ELISA WHAT'S HAPPENED."
HELLO?
IS ANYONE HOME?

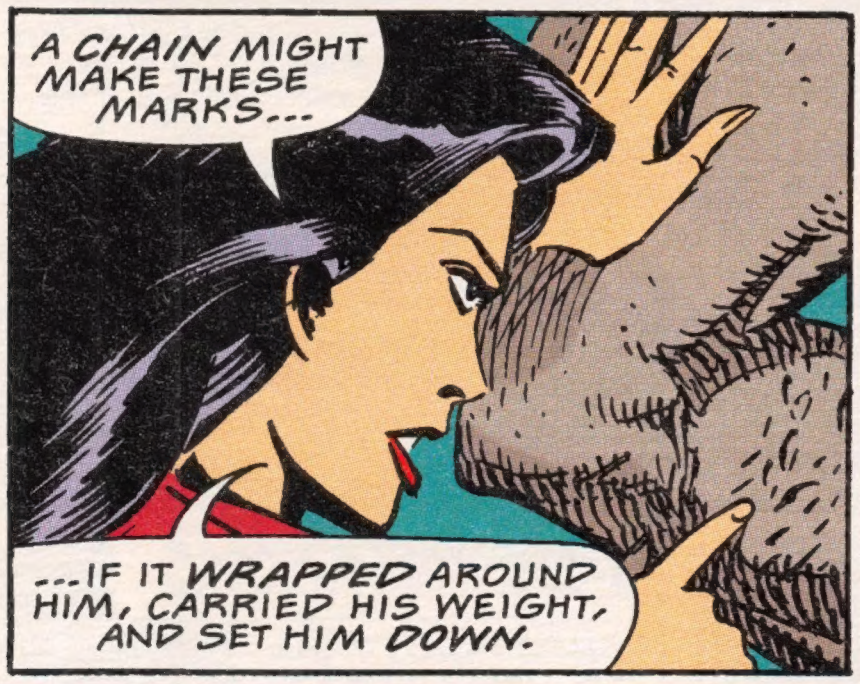
ELISA! THANK GOODNESS!
HUDSON, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WHERE'RE THE OTHERS?
WHERE'S--

--GOLIATH!
HUDSON, WHAT HAPPENED ?!

A NIGHT-MARE...

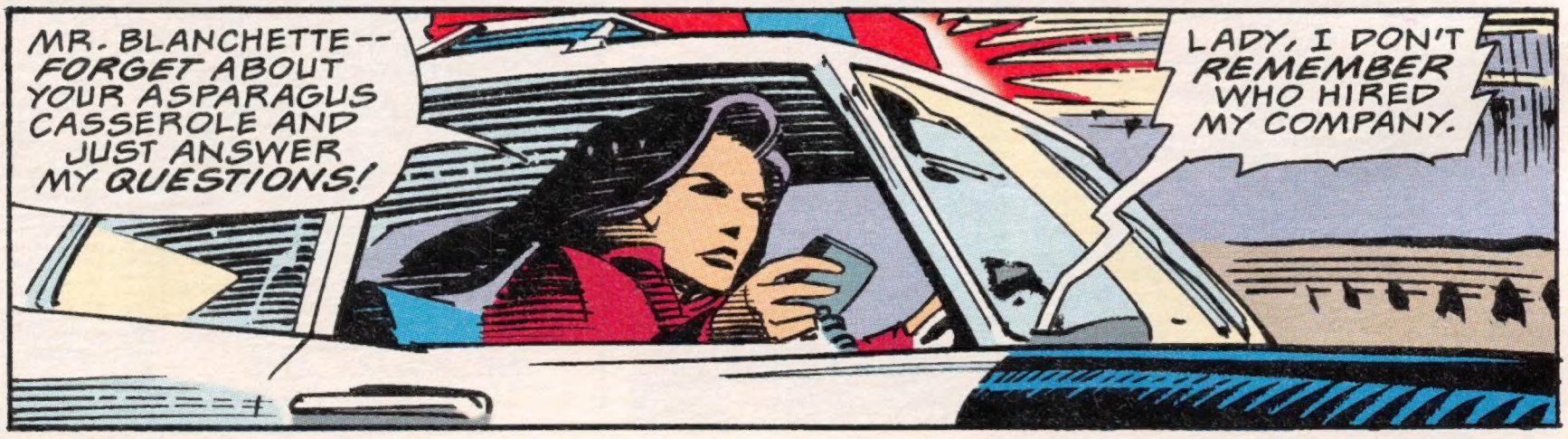

"...FROM WHICH I FEAR WE SHALL NEVER WAKE."
BROADWAY, TAKE THE LEFT FLANK.
LEXINGTON, TAKE THE RIGHT.
BROOKLYN, YOU TAKE THE POINT AND LEAD THE ATTACK!

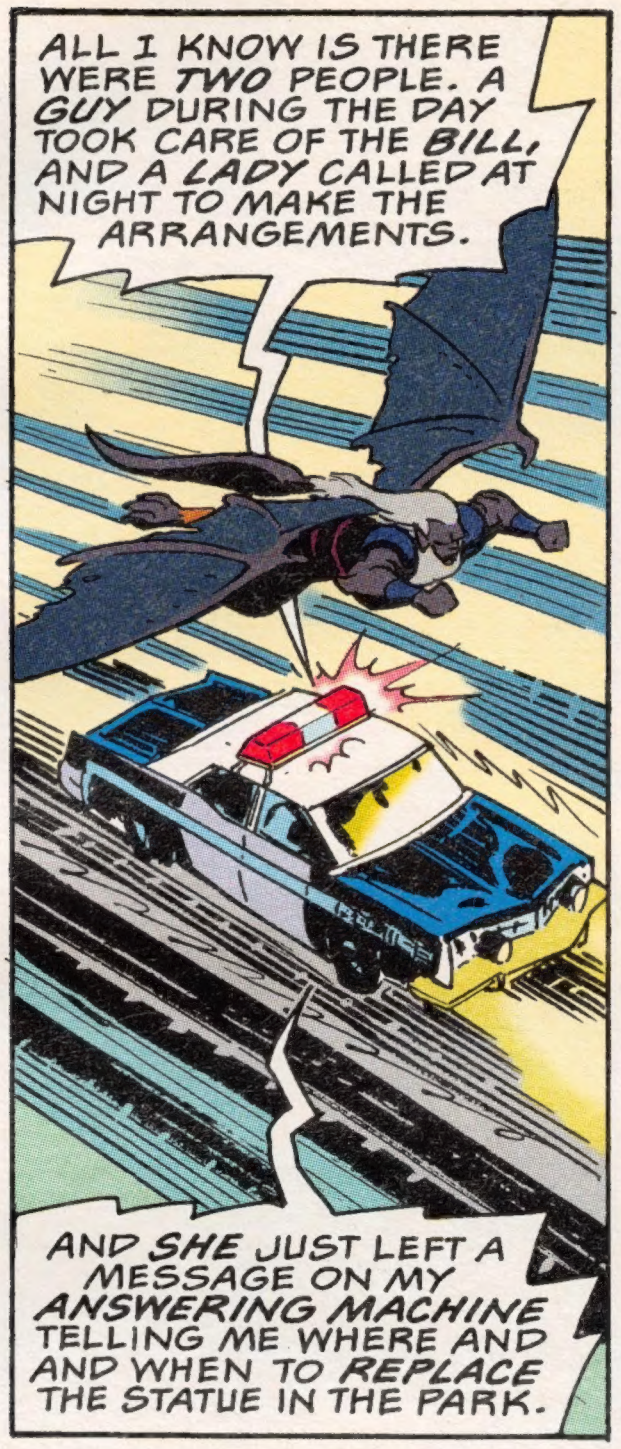

...AND SO, THE OTHERS WENT WITH DEMONA, AND I WENT FOR YOU.
GLAD YOU DID, HUDSON.
SEE THESE MARKS?

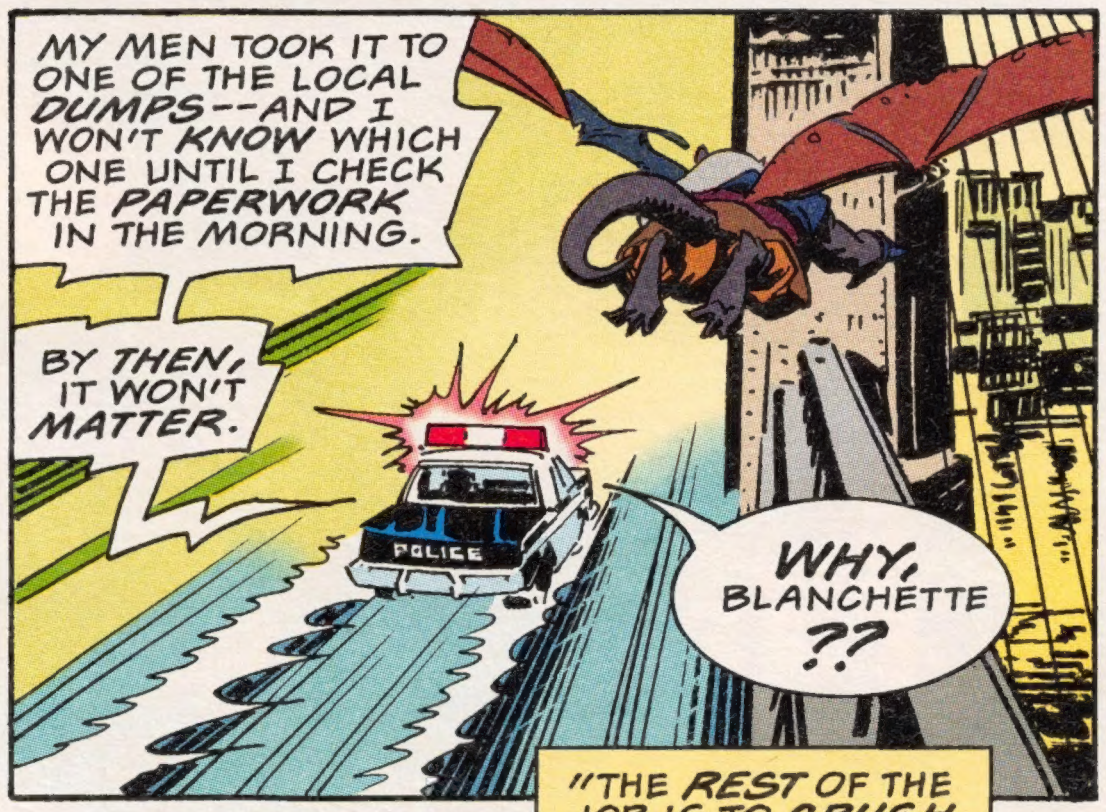

A CHAIN MIGHT MAKE THESE MARKS...
...IF IT WRAPPED AROUND HIM, CARRIED HIS WEIGHT, AND SET HIM DOWN.

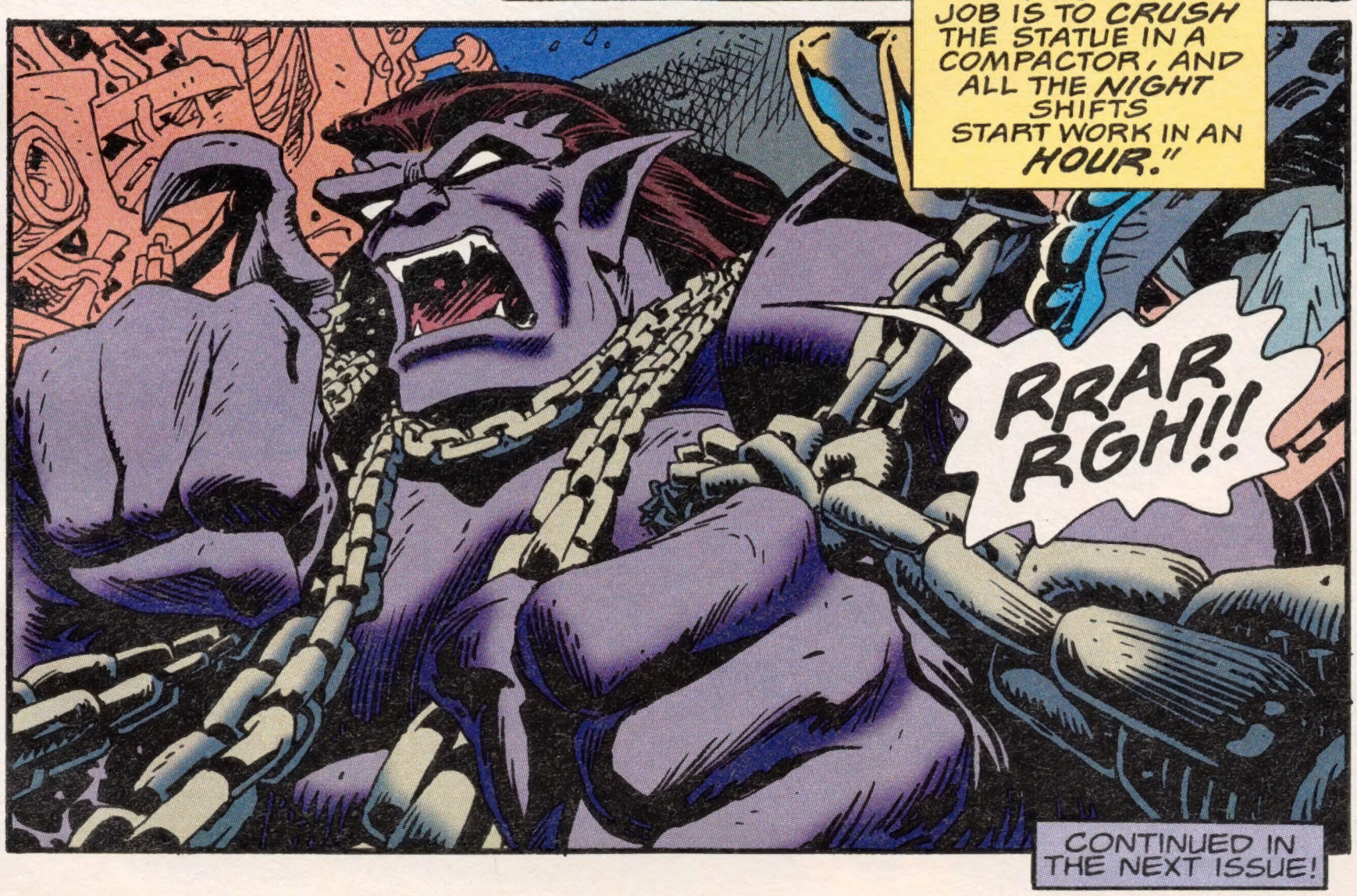
BUT WHY WOULD SOMEONE TAKE GOLIATH...
...THEN RETURN HIM?

IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU ALL...BUT I DO WISH YOU'D CALLED FIRST.
WE WANT YOU TO FREE GOLIATH FROM YOUR SPELL!
OR SUFFER THE CONSE-QUENCES!


MR. BLANCHETTE-- FORGET ABOUT YOUR ASPARAGUS CASSEROLE AND JUST ANSWER MY QUESTIONS!
LADY, I DON'T REMEMBER WHO HIRED MY COMPANY.







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